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SUBJ: REVERSE TARIFF PREFERENCES

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1. FOLL IS FROM GOVERNMENT SOURCES AND CONSIDERED CORRECT:

A. AS OF 1NOV74 FRUITS AND VEGETABLES (ANNEX III) DUTY FREE.

B. YOUR INFORMATION RE: PROTOCOL 13 CORRECT. NO OTHER PREFERENCES INITIATED.

.. 20 PERCENT PREFERENNCE IN EFFECT MILLED AND BROKEN RICE. NO OTHER PREFERENNE IN GRAINS SECTOR.

D. IN FORMULATING AGRICULTURAL POLICIES AND ESTABLISHING PRICE LEVELS GOG TAKES IN CONSIDERATION RELEVANT CAP.(RECENT DECISION TO BECOME FULL EC MEMBER ASAP HAS CAUSED GOG TO DROP PRIORITIES FOR SINGLE OR GROUPS OF COMMODITIES. INSTEAD ALL INCLUDING WINE ARE CONSIDERED URGENT.)

E. TO IMPLEENT CXT FOR AG ITEMS GOG HAS FOLLOWED AND EXPECTS TO FOLLOW ARTICLE 20 ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT (12-YEAR ELIMINATION COMPLETED 1NOV74)

2. EC PREFERENCES NOT REPEAT NOT INFLUENCING TRADE OF

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LIVE CATTLE ORTALLOW. LIVE CATTLE DUTIES HAVE BEEN WAIVED FOR

SEVERAL YEARS. MOST TALLOW IMPORTED UNDER ANNUAL DUTY FREE QUOTAS. INSIGNIFICANT VOLUME ENTERS (ALSO UNDER QUOTA) AT VERY LOW PERCENTAGE REGULAR TARIFF RATE. INFLUENCE OF EC PREFERENECES WHOLE BROILER IMPORTS DIFFICULT TO APPRAISE. MORE SIGNIFICANT THAN THE PREFERENCE HAVE BEEN SUBSIDIZATIONS BY SUPPLIER COUNTRIES. TREMENDOUSLY HIGH PROTECTION DOMESTIC INDUSTRY INCLUDING SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY AND NTBS APPLICABLE ALL SOURCES OF IMPORTS HAVE EFFECTIVELY ELIMINATED MOST IMPORTS INCLUDING FROM EC. WE ARE UNABLE TO UNCOVER ITEMS BEING SIGNIFICANTLY INFLUENCED BY EC PREFERENTIALS. BUYING DECISIONS OFTEN MADE WITH SUBSTANTIAL WEIGHT GIVEN TO PRICE AND LITTLE TO QUALITY. THUS US COMMODITIES OFTEN BY-PASSED DUE SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER TRANSPORTATION COSTS.

3. LATEST OFFICIAL ANNUAL GREEK EXTERNAL TRADE REPORT IS CY 1970. WAS FORWARDED TO WASHINGTON AS SOON AS IT WAS PUBLISHED LAST YEAR. MONTHLY BULLETING MENSUEL DE STATISTIQUE DU COMMERCE EXTERIEUR ISSUED BY GOG NATIONAL STAT SERVICE FORWARDED WASHINGTON ON CURRENT BASIS TWO COPIES USDA LIBRARY. DEC ISSUE PROVIDES YEARS TOTAL. DEC 73 ISSUE (THE LATEST FULL YEAR AVAILABLE) FORWARDED 25 NOV 74. ITEMS IN FRENCH. IN BULLETING ANNEX TRADE IS BY SOURCES AND DESTINATIONS. COUNTRY CODE NUMBERS SENT YOUR OFFICE MONTHS AGO. IF ADDITIONAL COPIES MONTHLY BULLETINS OR CODE NUMBERS NEEDED CABLE US.

4. NEW TARIFF SCHEDULE (GREEK LANGUAGE ONLY) ISSUED 1974 UNDER TRANSLATION BY INTERNATIONAL CUSTOMS TARIFF BUREAUS BRUSSELS. COMPLETION EXPECTED DEC 75.

5. ADVISE IF CLARIFICATIONS OR ADDITIONS REQUIRED.
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